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SUBJ: PINOCHET ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY SPEECH

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1. SUMMARY: DURING ONE HOUR-FORTY MINUTE SPEECH ON SEPT 11
FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF ALLENDE OVERTHROW, CHIEF OF STATE PINOCHET
ANNOUNCED END OF STATE OF WAR (BUT WITHOUT DROPPING OTHER INTER-
NAL SECURITY EMERGENCY MEASURES) AND WAGE READJUSTMENTS BASED
ON FULL AMOUNT OF INCREASE IN COST OF LIVING. IN AN AMBIGUOUS
SECTION, HE APPEARED TO OFFER TO RELEASE AND EXILE ALL DETAINEES
WHO SO DESIRE, WITH A FEW SPECIFIC EXCEPTIONS, AND CHALLENGED
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SOVIET UNION AND CUBA TO RELEASE EQUAL NUMBER OF THEIR DE-
TAINEES. UNCLEAR WHETHER OR TO WHAT EXTENT SOVIET/CUBAN ACTION
IS PREREQUISITE TO ACTUAL RELEASE OF CHILEAN DETAINEES.
PINOCHET ANNOUNCED PRESENT "RECESS- OF POLITICAL PARTIES WILL

CONTINUE "FOR SEVERAL YEARS," ARGUED THAT ANY RETURN TO PRE-ALLENDE POLITICAL SYSTEM IS IMPOSSIBLE, AND VOWED THAT MARXISM WILL NEVER BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE IN CHILE AGAIN. END SUMMARY.

2. PINOCHET'S BASIC FORMAT WAS TO RECITE EVILS COMMITTED BY ALLENDE GOVT, THEN LIST STEPS JUNTA HAS TAKEN TO REMEDY SITUATION. ACCORDING TO HIM, ALL ACTIVITIES ARE NOW NORMAL IN CHILE; A PERIOD OF "READJUSTMENT AND ORDER" HAS STARTED, AND SUCH LONG-TERM PROJECTS AS REGIONALIZATION HAVE BEGUN. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REESTABLISH PRE-ALLENDE SYSTEM.

3. INTERNAL FRONT - THIS IS FIRST GOVT IN CHILE WITH "PROFOUNDLY NATIONALIST" FOUNDATION RATHER THAN POLITICAL IDEOLOGICAL BASIS (WHETHER MARXIST OR OF POLITICAL PARTIES). JUNTA IDEAL IS PUBLIC SERVICE AND NATIONAL INTEREST. ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT ACTS OF JUNTA WAS TO BAR POLITICS FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE. "POLITICAL RECESS SHOULD BE PROLONGED FOR SEVERAL YEARS" (HEAVY APPLAUSE), AND POLITICS SHOULD BE REINSTATED ONLY WHEN A NEW GENERATION TAKES CHARGE THAT IS DEVOTED TO NATIONAL RATHER THAN NARROW PARTISAN INTERESTS.

4. FOREIGN RELATIONS - PRESIDENT CITED AS GOC'S BASIC FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES STRENGTHENING ANDEAN PACT, INCREASED FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN CHILE, CLOSER RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AMERICAN NEIGHBORS(ALL MENTIONED EXCEPT PERU) AND UNITED STATES, AND COUNTERACTING MARXIST PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHILE.

5. ECONOMIC FRONT - IN LONGEST SEGMENT OF SPEECH, PINOCHET DETAILED ECONOMIC CHAOS INHERITED FROM ALLENDE, THEN PROVIDED LENGTHY RECITAL OF JUNTA MEASURES TO CORRECT SITUATION. ECONOMIC SITUATION AFTER ONE YEAR IS BETTER THAN EXPECTED, AND POLICIES ARE GETTING RESULTS, HE SAID, BUT ROAD AHEAD IS STILL DIFFICULT. IN SUMMARY, GOC ECONOMIC MEASURES HAVE CHILE ON THE RIGHT TRACK, AND "THESE SUCCESSES WILL BE MULTIPLIED MANY TIMES OVER- IF THESE POLICIES ARE CONTINUED.

6. WAGE READJUSTMENTS - PINOCHET STATED GOVT IS AWARE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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SACRIFICES MADE BY PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY AS RESULT OF MEASURES NEEDED TO STOP INFLATION. FROM NOW ON, WAGE READJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE EQUAL TO THE FULL INCREASE IN COST OF LIVING. OCT 1 READJUSTMENT WILL COVER JULY-AUGUST INCREASE OF 23.5 PERCENT; A PAYMENT OF 15,000 ESCUDOS (ABOUT \$15) WILL BE MADE IN SEPTEMBER CHARGEABLE AGAINST THIS AMOUNT. DEC 1 READJUSTMENT WILL COVER INCREASE OF SEPT-OCT. THEREAFTER, INCREASES WILL BE MADE "AUTOMATICALLY" EVERY QUARTER. SUCH A SYSTEM OF "AUTOMATIC READJUSTMENTS" WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO INSTITUTE BEFORE NOW, PINOCHET ARGUED, SINCE ECONOMY WAS NOT YET UNDER CONTROL.

7. SOCIAL FRONT- PINOCHET CLAIMED PRESENT GOVT IS FIRST IN

CHILEAN HISTORY TO BE SINCERELY CONCERNED ABOUT ELIMINATION OF EXTREME POVERTY AND IS REORIENTING GOVT RESORCES TO THIS END.

8. DEFENSE AND INTERNAL SECURITY - DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY HAS BEEN ASSURED BY "RESOLUTE" ACTION OF ARMED FORCES. HOWEVER, IN PRESENT "FRONTAL COMBAT" WITH FORCES OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM, "WE WILL NOT LET OUR GUARD DOWN FOR ONE MINUT." GIVEN JUNTA SUCCESS TO DATE ON SECURITY AFFAIRS, "WE ANNOUNCED END OF STATE OF INTERNAL WAR" (REFTEL). THIS DOES NOT MEAN, PINOCHET STRESSED, END OF JURIDICAL STATE OF EMERGENCY; THIS WILL CONTINUE FOR A LONG TIME; MILITARY TRIBUNALS WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE, AND CURFEW WILL CONTINUE.

9. DETAINEES - IN CONFUSING PASSAGE, PINOCHET SAID: "THE GOVT ANNOUNCES THAT IT IS DISPOSED TO AUTHORIZE, WITH THE SOLE EXCEPTION OF A FEW PARTICULARLY GRAVE CASES, THOSE WHO SO DESIRE TO LEAVE CHILE DEFINITELY. THOSE WHO DO NOT USE THIS RIGHT WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE NORMS ARISING FROM THE STATE OF SIEGE AND TO THE RESULTS OF THE APPROPRIATE JUDICIAL PROCESS. THIS BENEFIT WILL BE EXTENDED IN SOME CASES TO THOSE ALREADY SENTENCED. --WE CONSIDER IT OUR MORAL DUTY BEFORE MAKING CONCRETE (MATERIALIZAR) THIS GOVT DECISION, WHICH I HAVE JUST ANNOUNCED, TO CHALLENGE (EMPLAZAR) THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA TO ALLOW AN EQUAL NUMBER OF DETAINEES AS THOSE WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM OUR ACTION TO LEAVE THOSE COUNTRIES, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS." (COMMENT: "CHALLENGE" PART OF PASSAGE BROUGHT LOUDEST APPLAUSE OF THE DAY AND HAS BEEN REPORTED IN WIRE SERVICE STORIES BOTH AS A PRECONDITION TO GOC ACTION TO RELEASE DETAINEES FOR EXCILE, AND AS SIMPLY A GOC CHALLENGE TO SOVIET UNION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND CUBA WITH NO IMPLICATIONS FOR GOC ACTION. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CLARIFY.)

10. COMMUNIST AGGRESSION - PINOCHET CLOSED BY WARNING CHILEANS OF "BITTER REALITY" OF COMMUNIST AGGRESSION AGAINST CHILE BEST TYPIFIED BY "INFAMOUS PROGANDA CAMPAIGN." REASON IS THAT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM IS STILL TASTING "DUST OF DEFEAT" IN CHILE. BUT CHILEANS WILL FACE THIS THREAT UNITED, AND WILL DEFEAT THE COMMUNISTS AS MANY TIMES AS NECESSARY. MILITARY SERVICES AND FOUR JUNTA MEMBERS CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN "GRANITE-LIKE UNITY", AND NOTHING WILL BREAK IT. IN PRESENT SECOND STAGE, MILITARY AND CIVILIANS WILL WORK EVEN MORE CLOSELY TOWARD SHARED GOALS OF MAKING CHILE A GREAT NATION.

11. COMMENT: PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS WAS DELIVERED AT IMPECCABLY STAGED CEREMONY, IN HALL PACKED WITH REGIME OFFICIALS AND SUPPORTERS. PINOCHET AND MUCH OF HIS AUDIENCE WERE VISIBLY MOVED AT HIS PERORATION, AND WE BELIEVE EFFECT WAS FELT BY MANY LISTENERS THROUGH RADIO AND TV BROADCAST. LOUDEST APPLAUSE CAME DURING DISCLOSURE OF PROPOSAL FOR RELEASE AND EXILE OF DETAINEES,

FRAMED IN TERMS OF CHALLENGE TO SOVIETS AND CUBANS TO DO LIKEWISE.
PRO-JUNTA AUDIENCE ALSO RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO HARD ANTI-MARXIST
LINE OF SPEECH; TO ASSURANCE THAT "RECESS" ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES
WOULD BE DELAYED FOR SEVERAL YEARS; TO MODIFICATION OF AUSTERITY
POLICY IMPLICIT IN LINKING FUTURE PERIODIC WAGE INCREASES TO RISE
COST OF LIVING; AND TO FINAL APPEAL FOR HELP FROM ALL CHILEANS AS,
TO PARAPHRASE PRESIDENT'S UNDERLYING THOUGHT, SMALL NATION FIGHTS
FOR FREEDOM AGAINST WORLD-WIDE EFFORTS OF "INTERNATIONAL COMMUN-
ISM." TWO REFERENCES WERE MADE TO REGIME'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN
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